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ADAM STRANGE

THE FOOTPRINTS WERE STAMPED DEEP INTO THE SOIL OF RANN--GIGANTIC, OMINOUS! TO ADAM STRANGE--AN EARTHMAN WHO RIDES A TELEPORTATIONAL BEAM ACROSS 25 TRILLION MILES OF SPACE TO THE PLANET **RANN**--THEY REPRESENTED A CHALLENGE TO COMBAT! FOR THE GIANTS WHO MADE THE PRINTS WERE ENGAGED ON A DIABOLICAL PLAN TO DESTROY NEARLY HALF THE PLANET!

MYSTERY OF THE GIANT FOOTPRINTS

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A SOLITARY FIGURE PACES A LONELY PATH ACROSS A MEADOW ON THE PLANET RANN! THEN ...

ADAM IS DUE HERE IN ONE MINUTE! CALL IT FEMALE INTUITION -- BUT I JUST KNOW HE'S IN SOME SORT OF TROUBLE!

EAGERNESS TO SEE THE EARTHMAN WITH WHOM SHE HAS FALLEN IN LOVE FLUSHES THE RANN GIRL'S CHEEKS AS SHE BEGINS HER COUNT-DOWN ...

PLEASE, ADAM! PLEASE COME THROUGH TO ME AT THE COUNT OF ZERO! FIVE -- FOUR -- THREE -- TWO -- ONE --

THE AIR BEFORE HER SHIMMERS MISTILY AND THEN FADES TO REVEAL ...

ZERO! -- ADAM!!

ALANNA! FOR A SECOND I THOUGHT THE ZETA-BEAM WOULD MISS ME!

WHAT HAPPENED? AND -- WHY AREN'T YOU WEARING YOUR ROCKET-SUIT?

I LEFT IT OFF BECAUSE THE ZETA-BEAM WAS DUE TO STRIKE ON A SMALL PACIFIC ISLAND WITHIN PLAIN SIGHT OF A U.S. AIR FORCE BASE!

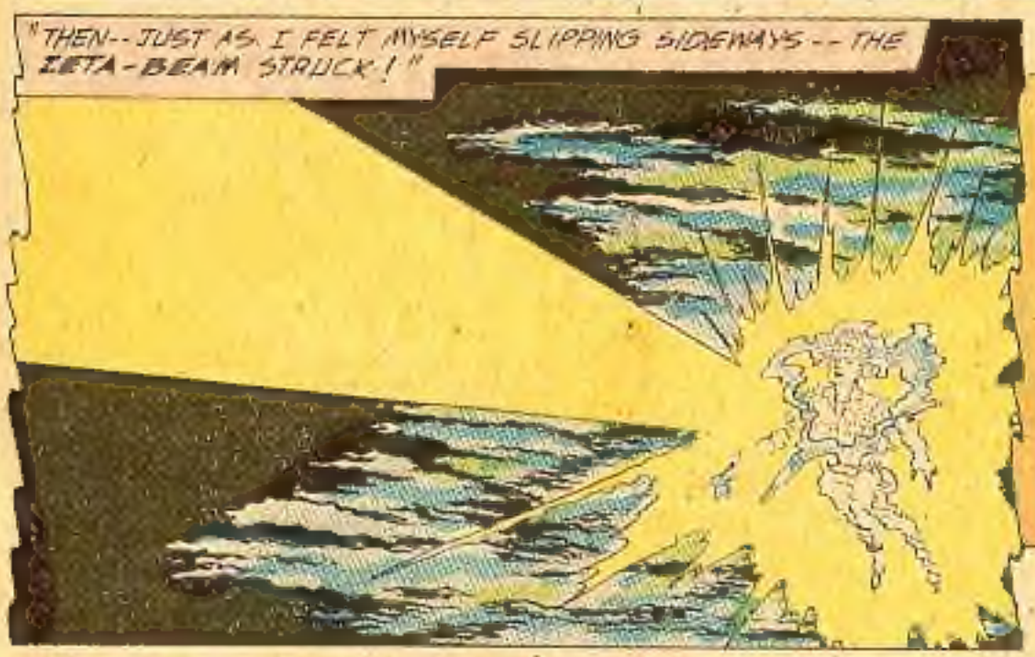
AS AN ARCHEOLOGIST I CAN GO PRACTICALLY ANYWHERE ON EARTH WITHOUT DRAWING UNDUE ATTENTION! BUT -- I MUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO LET ANYONE SEE ME BEING TELEPORTED OFF EARTH! SIGHT OF A ROCKET-SUIT ON ME WOULD LEAD TO EMBARRASSING QUESTIONS!

"WHILE I WAS WAITING ON THE LITTLE ISLAND, I WAS HORRIFIED TO DISCOVER I WAS UP TO MY ANKLES IN WATER ..."

I MUST BE STANDING ON A "SINKING ISLAND"!!

"EDITOR'S NOTE: A "SINKING ISLAND" IS ONE THAT PERIODICALLY LIFTS ABOVE AND FALLS BELOW THE LEVEL OF THE SEA, CAUSED BY A RISE AND FALL OF THE TIDES OR AN UNDERGROUND SHIFT IN THE PLANETARY CRUST!

"AS THE WATERS SWIRLED ABOUT ME WITH TRE-MENDOUS FORCE WHILE SWALLOWING THE ISLAND, IT BECAME HARDER AND HARDER TO STAND UP..."
THE ZETA-BEAM WILL STRIKE AT THE EXACT SPOT WHERE I'M STANDING! BUT I CAN'T MAINTAIN MY POSITION! I'M BEING SWEPT OFF MY FEET!



ONCE AGAIN--AS HE HAS BEEN SO OFTEN BEFORE--ADAM STRANGE IS TELE-PORTED INSTANTLY ACROSS THE 15 TRILLION MILES OF SPACE BETWEEN EARTH AND THE PLANET RANN! CAUGHT BY THE PULL OF THE ZETA-BEAM HE HURTLES TOWARD THE STAR-SYSTEM OF ALPHA CENTAURI AND THE GIRL HE LOVES, ALANNA OF RANAGAR...

HAND-IN-HAND THEY WALK TOWARD THE WALLS OF ANCIENT RANAGAR, CAPITAL OF THE LARGEST CITY-STATE ON RANN...

IN A WAY I'M GLAD YOU WORE EARTHLY CLOTHES BECAUSE I MADE YOU AN EXTRA ROCKET-SUIT WITH MY OWN HANDS--AS A SORT OF PRESENT! NOW I HAVE AN EXCUSE TO GIVE IT TO YOU!

SHORTLY, AFTER ADAM DONS HIS NEW ROCKET-SUIT...

ON FLAMING JETS THE DARING DUO RIDES THE WIND CURRENTS ABOVE THE HEAVING WATERS OF THE SEA OF YBSS...
WE CALL OUR SINKING ISLAND OLD RELIABLE BECAUSE IT APPEARS AND DISAPPEARS BENEATH THE SEA SO REGULARLY!
THERE'S A GEYSER IN YELLOWSTONE PARK ON EARTH WE NAME OLD FAITHFUL FOR THE SAME REASON!

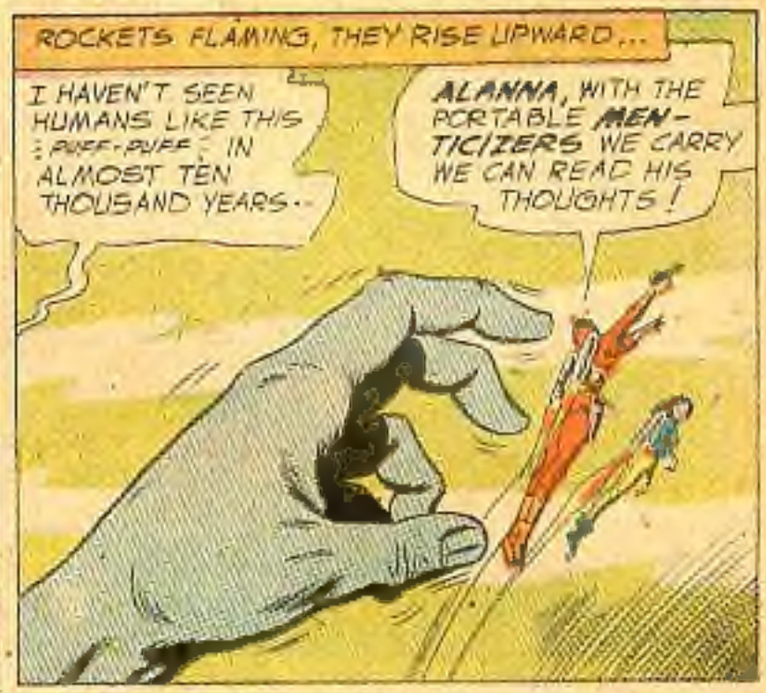
AS THEY COME IN SIGHT OF THE ISLAND THEIR ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO GIGANTIC FOOTPRINTS...
ADAM--LOOK!
THE CREATURE THAT MADE THOSE HUGE PRINTS MUST BE AT LEAST TWO HUNDRED FEET TALL!

THERE HAVE BEEN STORIES ABOUT GIANTS ONCE BEING ON EARTH--
BUT THERE ARE NO GIANTS ON RANN!

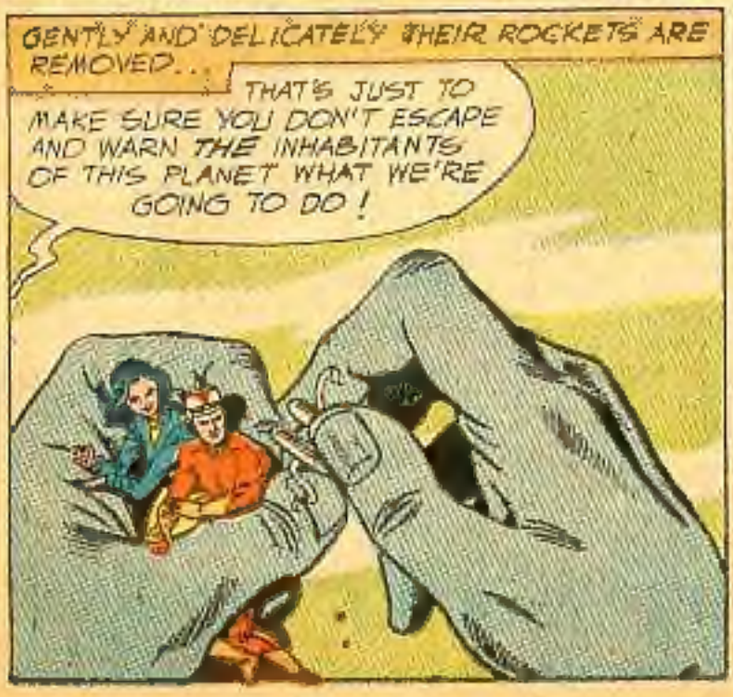
SUDDENLY THE GROUND TREMBLES ALL AROUND THEM AND THE RAYS OF THE STAR-SUN ALPHA CENTAURI ARE BLOTTED OUT!
ADAM!
GREAT STARS!

A GIANT--REACHING DOWN TO GRAB US!
I'LL BLAST HIM WITH MY RAY-GUN!

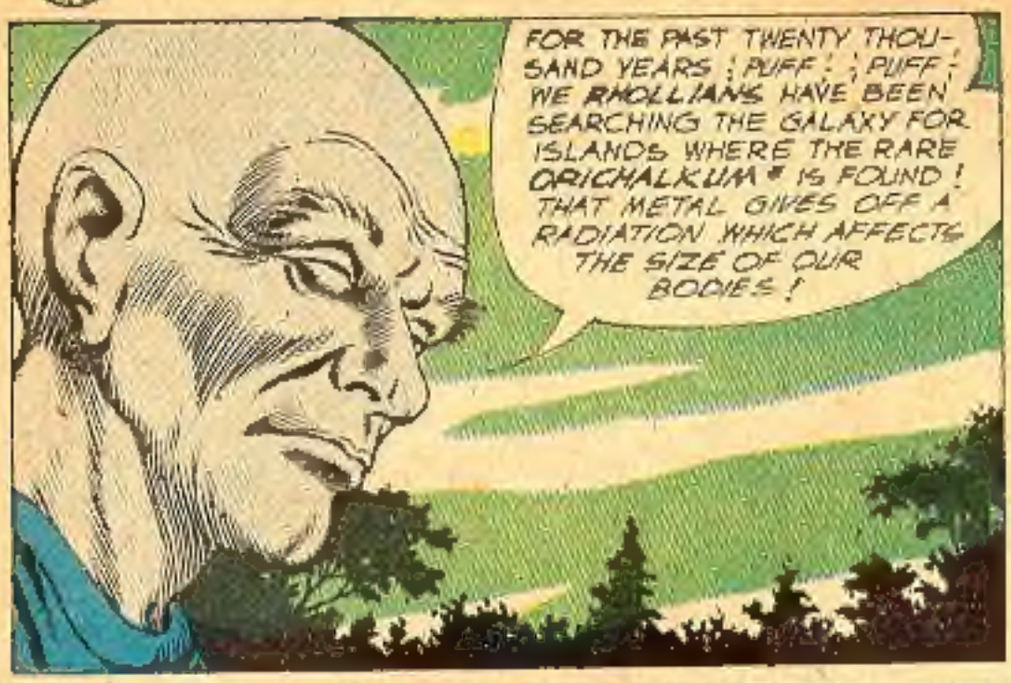
BUT THE RAY-GUN DOES LITTLE MORE THAN ANNOY THE GIANT...
HURRY, ALANNA-- FULL ROCKET BLAST! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!


ROCKETS FLAMING, THEY RISE UPWARD...
I HAVEN'T SEEN HUMANS LIKE THIS ; PUFF-PUFF ; IN ALMOST TEN THOUSAND YEARS--
ALANNA, WITH THE PORTABLE MENTICIZERS WE CARRY WE CAN READ HIS THOUGHTS!

--ONLY TO BE SNATCHED IN MID-AIR...
--NOT SINCE WE RHOLLIANS VISITED ; PUFF-PUFF ; THE THIRD PLANET OF THE STAR-SUN SOL!
HE MEANS EARTH!


GENTLY AND DELICATELY THEIR ROCKETS ARE REMOVED...
THAT'S JUST TO MAKE SURE YOU DON'T ESCAPE AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF THIS PLANET WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO!

PANTING HEAVILY, THE GIANT CARRIES ADAM AND ALANNA TOWARD A HUGE SPACESHIP...
IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS IF WE WERE STOPPED NOW ; PUFF ; WHEN WE'RE SO CLOSE TO VICTORY!
WHY'S THE GIANT PANTING FOR BREATH ALL THE TIME?

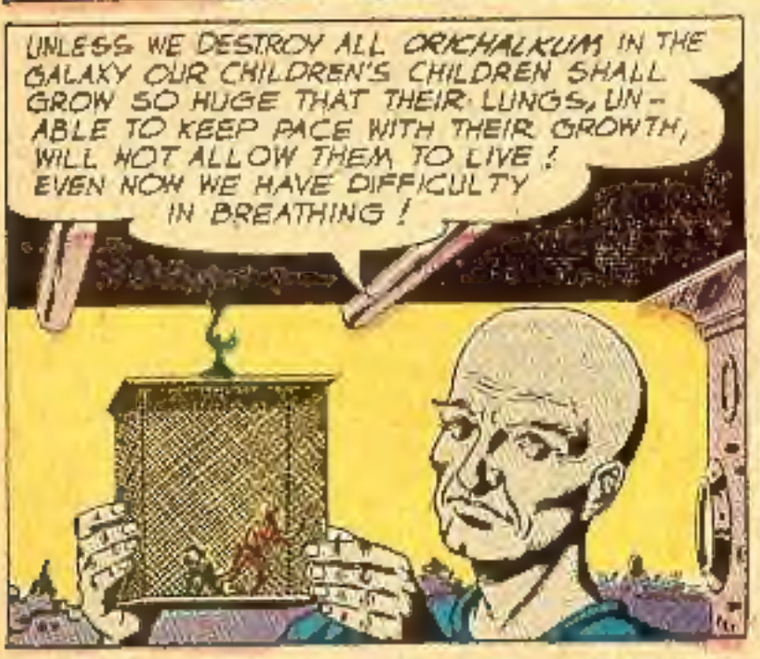

FOR THE PAST TWENTY THOUSAND YEARS ; PUFF ! ; PUFF ! WE RHOLLIANS HAVE BEEN SEARCHING THE GALAXY FOR ISLANDS WHERE THE RARE ORICHALKUM * IS FOUND ! THAT METAL GIVES OFF A RADIATION WHICH AFFECTS THE SIZE OF OUR BODIES !

* EDITOR'S NOTE :

ORICHALKUM -- THE UNKNOWN METAL SUPPOSEDLY FOUND ON EARTH ONLY ON THE ISLAND OF ATLANTIS, WHICH SANK INTO THE SEA 10,000 YEARS AGO !

ACCORDING TO THE GREEK WRITER PLATO, ORICHALKUM GLITTERED LIKE GOLD !

THEY ARE TAKEN INTO THE SPACE-SHIP AND DEPOSITED IN A MESH-WIRE CAGE ...
THE ORICHALKUM RADIATION HAS CAUSED EVERY SUCCEEDING GENERATION OF OUR PEOPLE ; PUFF ! ; PUFF ! TO GROW LARGER THAN THE PRECEDING ONE !


UNLESS WE DESTROY ALL ORICHALKUM IN THE GALAXY OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN SHALL GROW SO HUGE THAT THEIR LUNGS, UNABLE TO KEEP PACE WITH THEIR GROWTH, WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO LIVE ! EVEN NOW WE HAVE DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING !

ONCE WE WERE YOUR SIZE, LITTLE PEOPLE ! SINCE WE BEGAN TO GROW WE HAVE BEEN SINKING THE ISLANDS IN WHICH ORICHALKUM IS FOUND ! BURIED UNDER WATER, IT IS HARMLESS !
GOOD GOSH ! THESE GIANTS SANK ATLANTIS BECAUSE OF THE ORICHALKUM THERE !

WE MUST SINK THIS ISLAND TOO, FOR IT HAS ORICHALKUM ON IT ! EVEN NOW MY PEOPLE ARE WORKING UNDERGROUND, PREPARING THE GROUND-QUAKE MACHINE THAT WILL CAUSE THE ISLAND TO SINK INTO THE SEA !

ALANNA BEGINS TO WEEP IN HER FRIGHTENED ANXIETY...

:SOB: ADAM, WHAT CAN WE DO? WHEN OLD RELIABLE SINKS IT WILL CAUSE PLANETARY QUAKES--GREAT TIDAL WAVES--ENOUGH TO DESTROY HALF OF RANN!

LISTEN, I HAVE A PLAN! GRAB HOLD OF THE WIRES OF THIS CAGE!

ADAM AND ALANNA GRASP THE CAGE WIRES AND BEGIN TO ROCK SLOWLY, BACK AND FORTH! LIKE A PENDULUM THE CAGE SWINGS TO AND FRO...

THAT'S IT! GET IT GOING REAL FAST--HIGHER AND HIGHER!

GAINING HEIGHT AND MOMENTUM AT EVERY SWING, THE CAGE FINALLY TILTS UPWARD AT SUCH AN ANGLE THAT IT SLIPS OFF THE HOOK WHICH HOLDS IT...

HANG ON, ALANNA! THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIG THUMP WHEN WE HIT THE FLOOR!

WITH A CRASH THE CAGE HITS! ITS CERAMIC BOTTOM SHATTERS! ADAM AND ALANNA ARE BRUISED AND BUMPED BUT OTHERWISE UNHARMED...

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

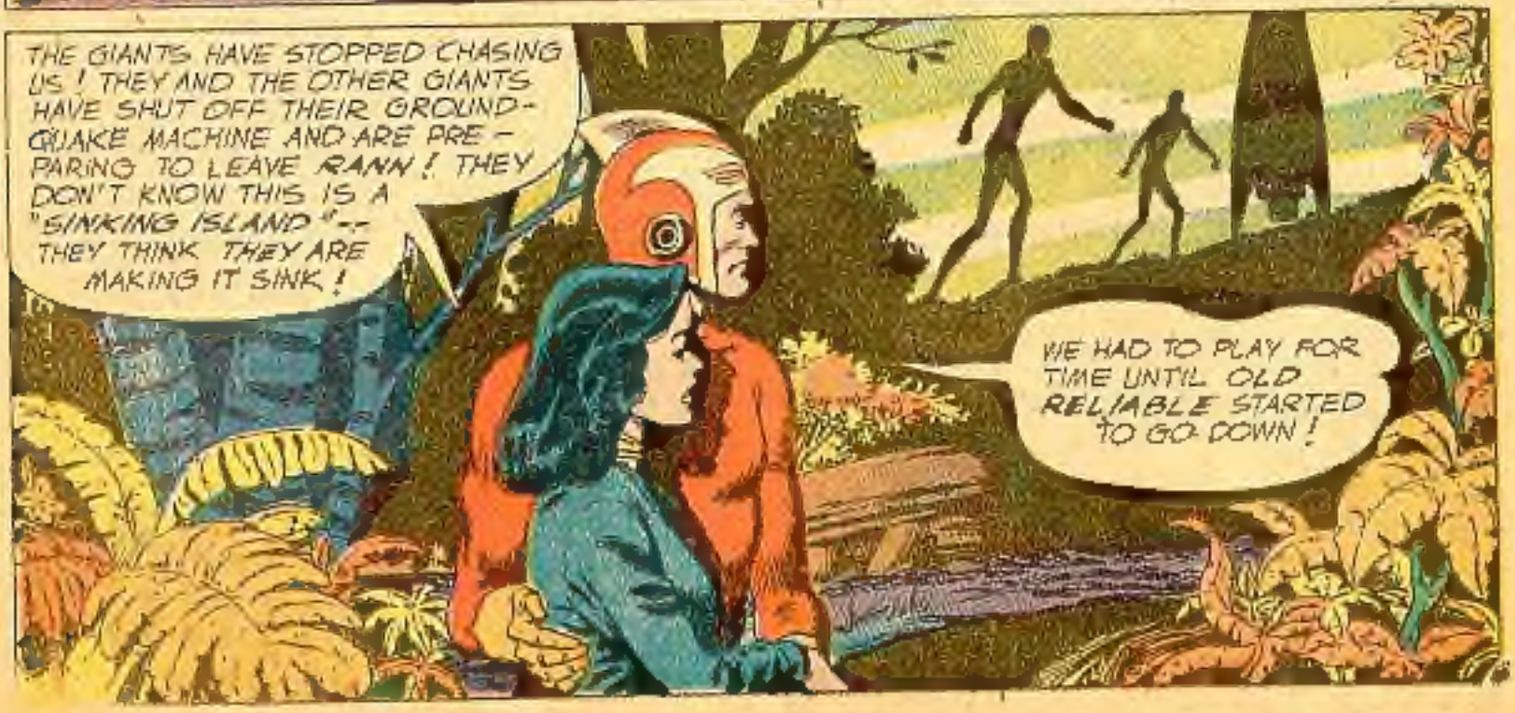
OUTSIDE OF A FEW BRUISES, YES! BUT WITHOUT OUR ROCKETS WE CAN'T RETURN TO RANAGAR AND WARN WHAT'S HAPPENING! WE'RE ALMOST AS BAD OFF AS WE WERE IN THE CAGE!

SOON, MAKING THEIR EXIT FROM THE SPACESHIP..
NOT QUITE AS BAD OFF! BUT NOW WE'VE GOT TO LET THE GIANTS SEE US--CHASE US! I'LL EXPLAIN WHY LATER!
WHATEVER YOU SAY, ADAM!

IN PLAIN VIEW ADAM AND ALANNA DART AWAY--WITH TWO OF THE GIANTS IN HOT PURSUIT!
PUFF! PUFF!!
THEY'RE SO CLUMSY IT'S EASY TO EVADE THEM!
LISTEN TO THEM PANT FOR BREATH!

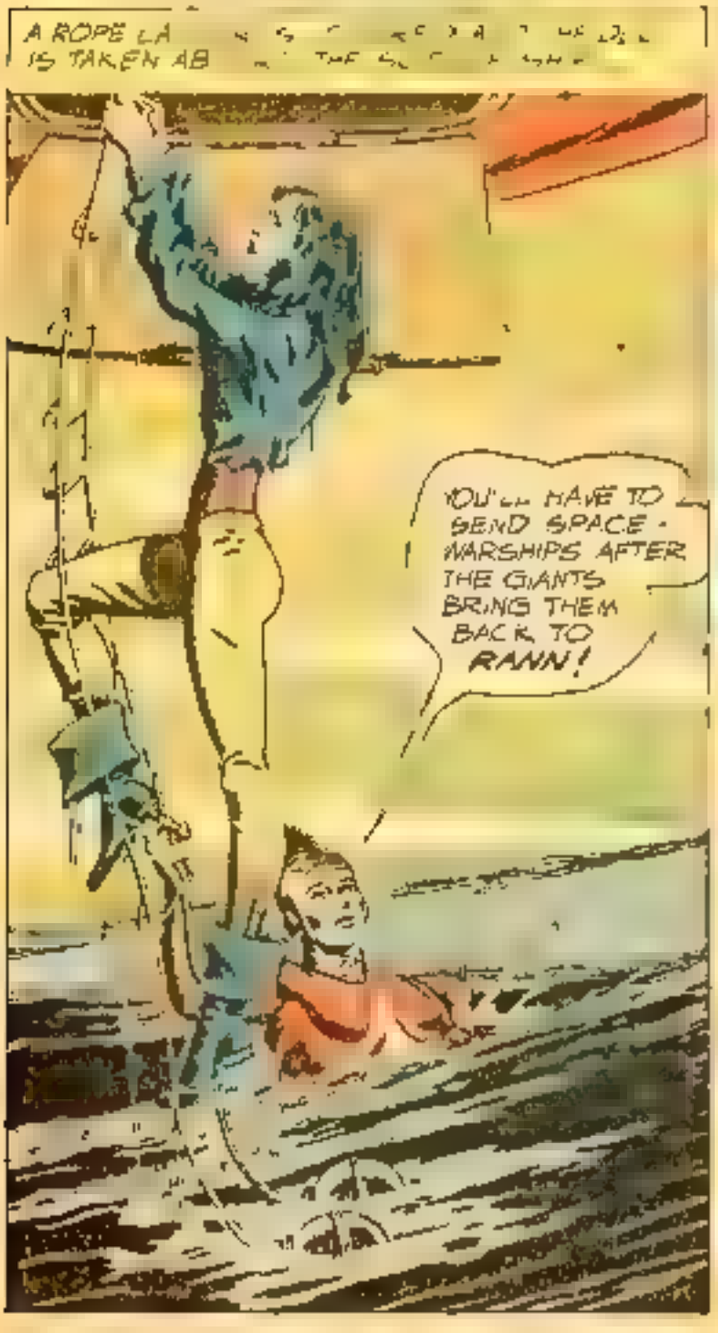
THE GROUND TREMBLES UNDER THEIR HEAVY FOOTFALLS AS THE GIANTS KEEP UP THE CHASE..
I CAN HARDLY STAND UP, THE GROUND IS SHAKING SO MUCH!
JUST RUN A LITTLE LONGER, ALANNA!
THUMP!
THUMP!!

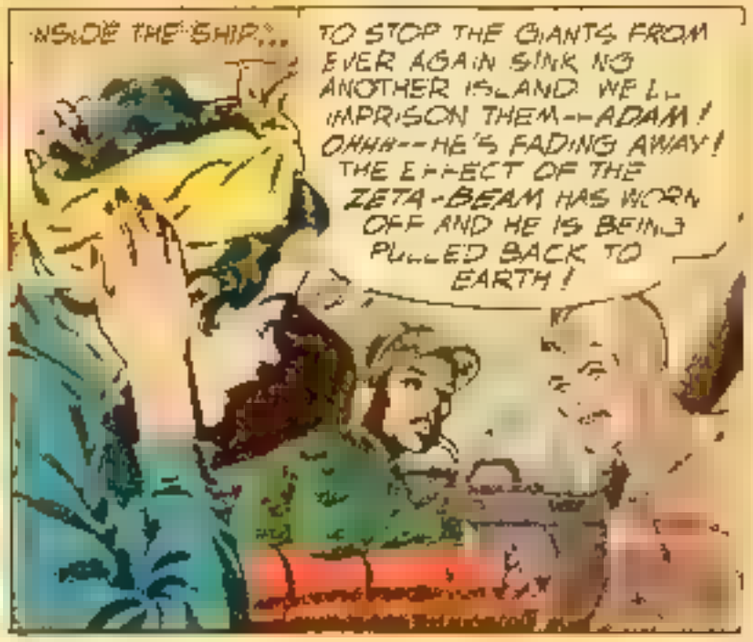
SUDDENLY ADAM'S FOOT SPLASHES IN A TINY PUDDLE...
ADAM! YOU STEPPED IN WATER! IN WATER? OHHH--NOW I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!

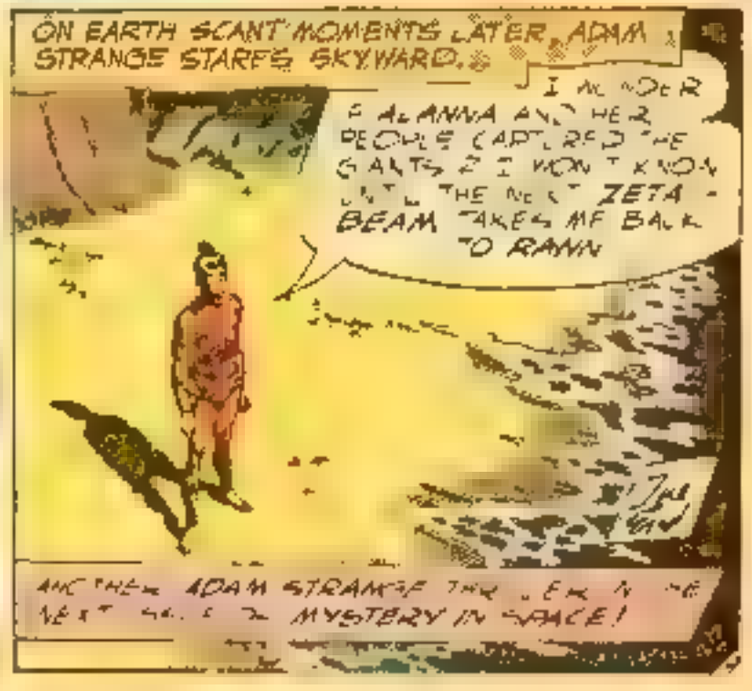

THE GIANTS HAVE STOPPED CHASING US! THEY AND THE OTHER GIANTS HAVE SHUT OFF THEIR GROUND-QUAKE MACHINE AND ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE RANN! THEY DON'T KNOW THIS IS A "SINKING ISLAND"--THEY THINK THEY ARE MAKING IT SINK!
WE HAD TO PLAY FOR TIME UNTIL OLD RELIABLE STARTED TO GO DOWN!

THERE THEY GO TAKING OFF FOR THEIR HOME PLANET! WE HAVE BEEN RANN BUT WE'LL BE BACK!
WE WON'T DROWN! I'VE ALREADY SWUM BACK TO RANAGAR!

YOU'VE—WHAT?
THE GIANTS SHOOK THE GROUND SO MUCH WHILE CHASING US I FIGURED RANAGAR'S SEISMOGRAPH* WOULD PICK UP THE DISTURBANCE—AND DISPATCH A SHIP TO INVESTIGATE! HERE IT COMES NOW!
*EDITOR'S NOTE: INSTRUMENTS FOR MEASURING EARTHQUAKES!


A ROPE LADDER IS TAKEN ABOARD THE SHIP...
YOU'LL HAVE TO SEND SPACE-WARSHIPS AFTER THE GIANTS BRING THEM BACK TO RANN!


INSIDE THE SHIP...
TO STOP THE GIANTS FROM EVER AGAIN SINKING ANOTHER ISLAND WE'LL IMPRISON THEM—ADAM! OHHH—HE'S FADING AWAY! THE EFFECT OF THE ZETA-BEAM HAS WORN OFF AND HE IS BEING PULLED BACK TO EARTH!


ON EARTH SCANT MOMENTS LATER, ADAM STRANGE STARES SKYWARD.
I NEVER SEE ALANNA AND HER PEOPLE CAPTURED THE GIANTS? I WON'T KNOW UNTIL THE NEXT ZETA-BEAM TAKES ME BACK TO RANN
AND THEN ADAM STRANGE TAKES HIS NEXT STEP IN THE MYSTERY IN SPACE!

GIANTS OF THE TELESCOPE

PIERRI JANSSEN 1824 1907

PIERRE JANSSEN COLLABORATED WITH THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE SPECTRA OF BRIGHT STAR OF SPECTRAL LINES, BU ELEMENTS ON EARTH

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LARGE PROMINENCE 40,000 MILES HIGH-WHI DOT SHOWS COMPARATIVE SIZE OF THE EARTH

SURROUNDING THE SUN

BRILLIANT

LINE, HE ANNOUNCED IT WAS A NEW

WAS CONFIRMED YEARS LATER WITH THE DISCOVERY OF HELIUM ON EARTH

THE ADVANCED AGE OF 70 YEARS JANSSEN HAD HIMSELF CARRIED TO THE TOP OF MT BLANC TO DETERMINE WHETHER OXYGEN COULD BE OBSERVED IN THE SUN. THOUGH HE FAILED TO DET VATIONS ESTABLISHED ITS PRESENCE!

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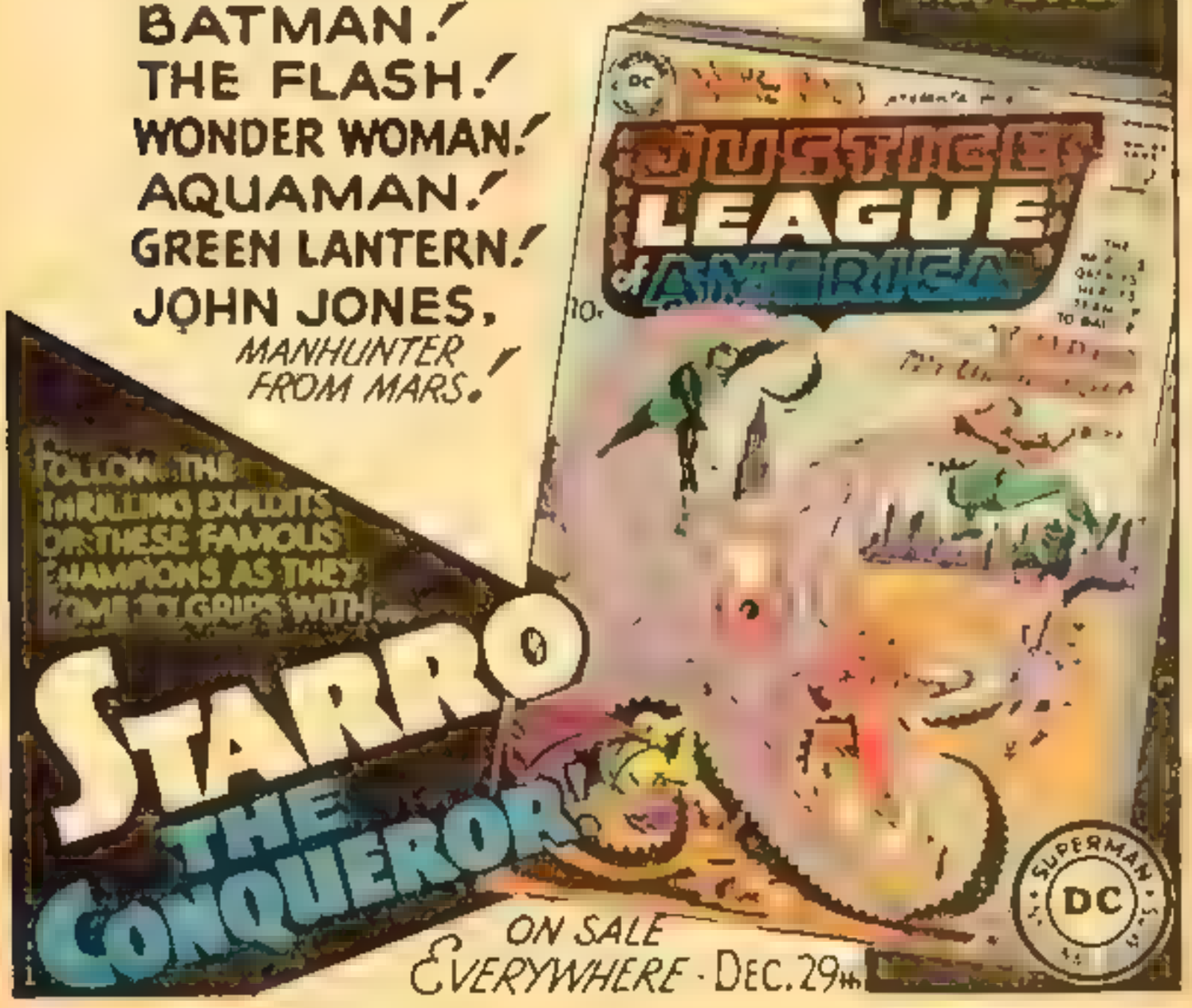
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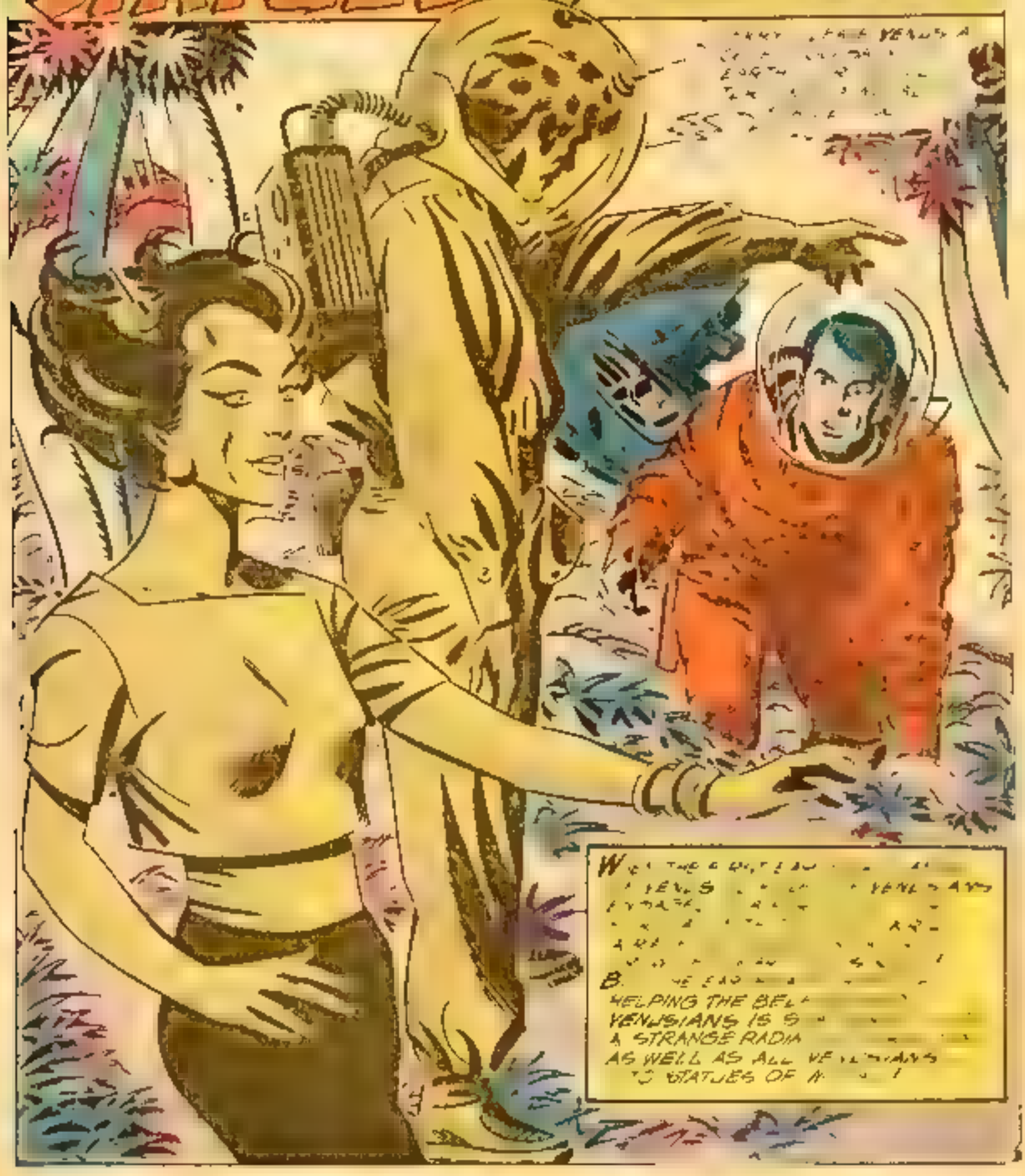


MILES AT ITS NEAREST APPROACH COM— PARATIVELY LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT EARTH'S PLANETARY NEIGHBOR

TAKE

THE MORNING STAR HURTLES

CLOUDS AS THE CONTINENTS AND SEAS OF

SO MUCH LIKE EARTH!

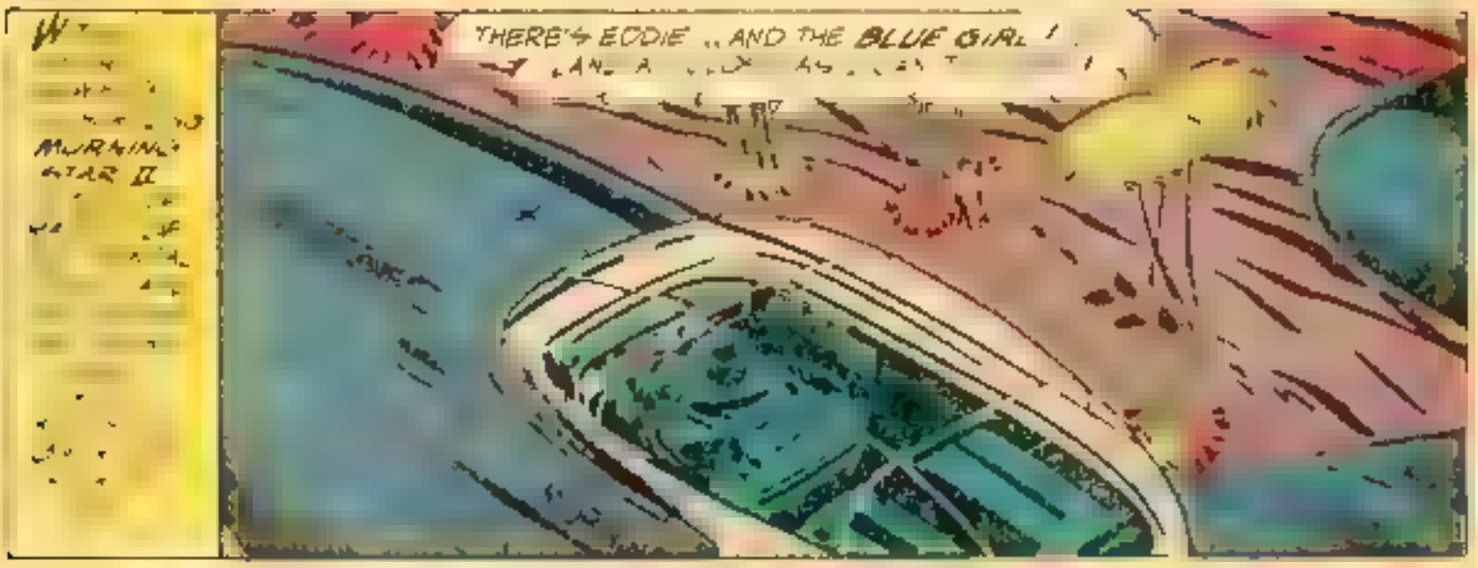
YIELDS SAMPLES OF ALIEN VEGETATION...

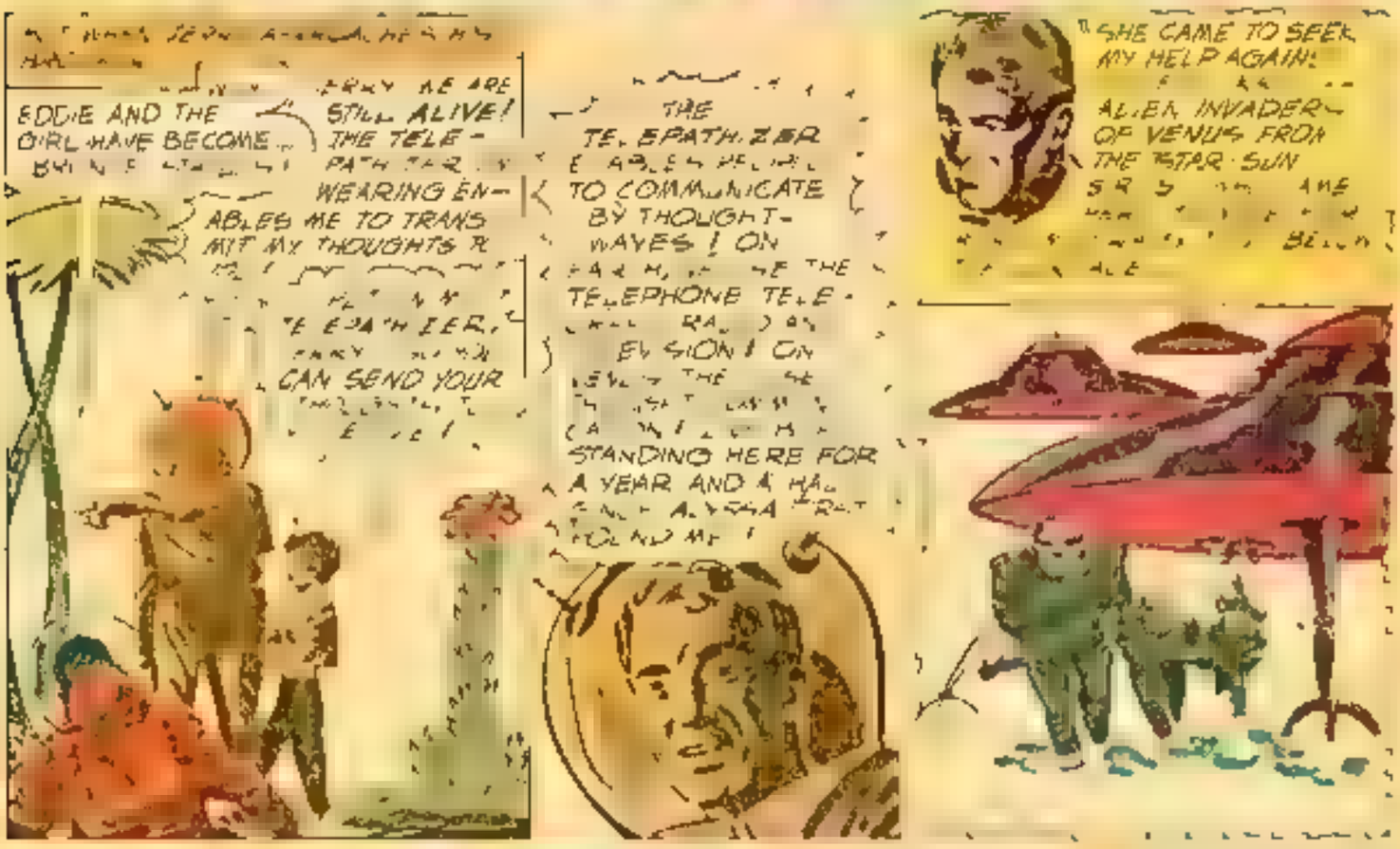
MY TESTS SHOW THAT ON VENUS THE LOWERS BREATHE IN OXYGEN

PLANET, HE BUSIES HIMS

THE EARTHMAN'

YOUNGER BROTHER LIEUTENANT JERRY TRENT, HEAVES A SIGH
IF I KNOW EDDIE, HE'S MAKING A FAVORABLE CONTACT WITH THAT VENUSIAN GAL!
PASSES AND CAPTAIN TRENT DOES NOT RESUME RADIO COMMUNICATION; FEARS MOUNT FOR HIS SAFETY....
WHAT'S HAPPENED UP THERE EDDIE?
MORNING STAR II TO VENUS--TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR BROTHER!
A YEAR AND A HALF AFTER CAPTAIN TRENT ... VENUS, HIS YOUNGER BROTHER BREAKS THROUGH THE VENUSIAN ... BARRIER
TRIP POSSIBLE!
EDDIE'S ALIVE?! WHY DIDN'T HE RE-ESTABLISH RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH EARTH?
TERRY! THIS ... EDDIE! DON'T LAND! GO BACK!


THERE'S EDDIE ... AND THE BLUE GIRL!
MORNING STAR II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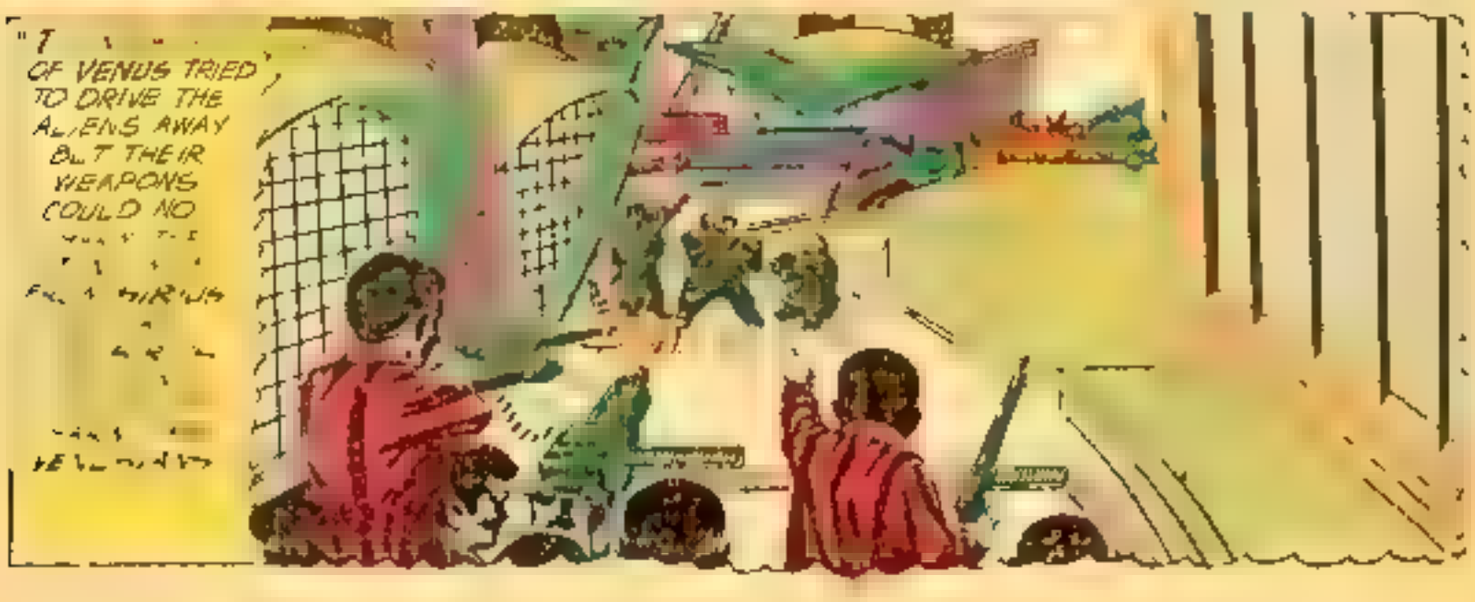

"I
OF VENUS TRIED TO DRIVE THE ALIENS AWAY BUT THEIR WEAPONS COULD NO

YLE . THEN DECIDED I
I NOTICED MY HANDS AND FEET WERE GETTING NUMB. "
MY THOUGHTS' - BUT FOR ME TO HEAR YOURS YOU MUST WEAR THIS TELE -
THE VENUSIANS AND THE ALIENS ARE AT A STALE MATE !
I MUST BE BECAUSE THE TWO RACES HAVE
THE KRA THEY'
HARM THE OTHER WITH THE WEAPONS
FERENT BODY STRUCTURE ON EARTH
THIS WAY
COMMUNI- CATING WITH EARTH !
AND RUN AWAY 2 LEA T A TRY ! MAYBE ALYSSA CAN

WHEN ALYSSA IS GIVEN EDDIE'S

I'LL ARRIVE IN THE ANCIENT CITY OF DYS, HERE!

NO THERE! R'TH WEAPONS ARE SIMILAR TO VENUSIAN WEAPONS SO M WON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT ON THE STONE-MEN EITHER! I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE O SOMETHING ELSE

TOWARD DYS AND LANDS BEHIND A HIGH RIDGE

UHH! I SEEM TO BE GETTING THE SAME NUMB HANDS AND FEET EDDIE SPOKE ABOUT! MAYBE THE ALIEN SUPER WEAPON IS STILL

THE VENUSIANS ASSUME THAT HE

BUT IT WAS THE EARTHMAN W

I'M TUNING IN ON THEIR THOUGHTS BUT WHAT THEY'RE THINKING IS INCREDIBLE! EDDIE RESPONSIBLE ?

WHEN THE EARTHMAN LANDED ON VENUS H ROCKET BLASTS CAUSED A FORM OF DELTA RADIATION IN THE ATMOSPHE

THE DELTA RADIATION METALIZED HIM

THE EFFECT OF THE DELTA RADIATION WILL SOON WEAR OFF RETURNING THE EARTHMAN AND THE VENUSIANS TO NORMAL! OUR INVESTIGATIONS SHOW THAT ONCE HAVING BEEN STRICKEN B THE BLIGHT THEIR BODIES BECOME IMMUNE TO IT AND WILL NEVER BECOME LIVING STATUES AGAIN!

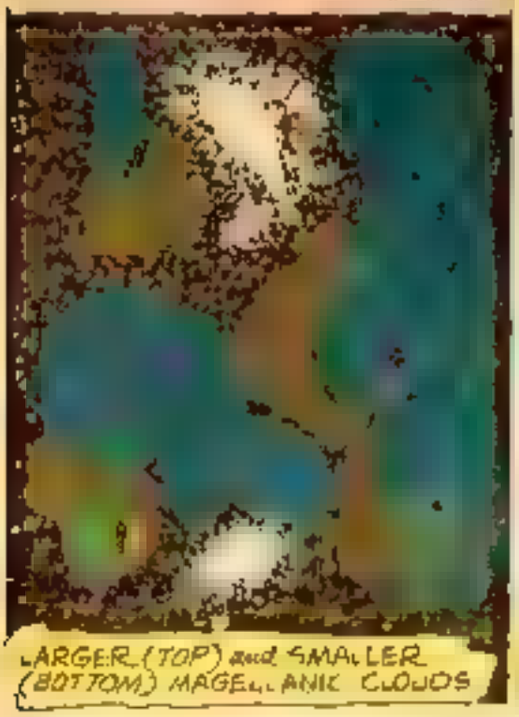
BUT BEFORE THEY REGAIN THEIR NORMAL BODIES, WE SHALL HAVE DESTROYED THEM ALL - WITH THE NEW-TYPE WEAPON WE HAVE JUST PERFECTED!

I DON'T FIND SOMETHING VERY SOON, WE'LL ALL BE DOOMED! EVERY SECOND
ME TO MOVE!
HIM A GREAT EFFORT, JERRY STILL PLODS ON, HUNTING SEARCHING, UNTIL
FROM SIRIUS
THEY'VE FORGOTTEN ALL ABOUT THEM! Hmmm-- THIS GUN HAS A SOUND SO HIGH-PITCHED--IT SHATTERS ROCK AND STONE!
ARMED WITH THE
IE BLASTER, JERRY TAKES
MY FINGERS ARE SO NUMB I

TO FORCE
I CAN'T MOVE MY FINGER BY MY
ING I CAN TAR IT AGAINST THE
EEEEE
VENUSIANS
AS THE MORNING STAR POLARIS LEAVE
VENUS
DELTA RAY
VENUS!

GALAXIES

TWO OF THE THREE GALAXIES VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE ARE KNOWN AS THE *MAGELLANIC CLOUDS* — "CHAOTIC" GALAXIES WHICH APPEAR AS LUMINOUS PATCHES IN THE SOUTHERN SKY.



LARGER (TOP) and SMALLER (BOTTOM) MAGELLANIC CLOUDS

THE LARGER MAGELLANIC CLOUD IS 75 000 LIGHT YEARS AWAY AND HAS A DIAMETER OF 60 000 000 LIGHT YEARS. THE SMALLER MAGELLANIC CLOUD IS 180 000 LIGHT YEARS AWAY AND IS HALF THE SIZE OF ITS COMPANION CLOUD.

CLOSER TELESCOPIC VIEW OF LARGER MAGELLANIC CLOUD

THE CLOSEST GALAXY TO OUR OWN IS THE ANDROMEDA NEBULA. IT IS SIMILAR IN SIZE TO OUR MILKY WAY GALAXY. RECENT STUDIES INDICATE IT IS AT LEAST TWO MILLION LIGHT YEARS AWAY FROM EARTH.

WONDERS OF SPACE

Dear Science Editor,

Recently, the members of our science club were polled on the date they believe an earthman will set foot on the moon. The consensus was—January 1, 1970. We wonder how our M-DAY agrees with the guesses of the authorities?

A.G.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear A.G.

Interestingly enough, the Congressional Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration has sampled the informed opinion of eminent authorities engaged in space projects when man will reach the moon. Not a single expert questioned the possibility of our reaching the moon. The only question appeared to be when.

According to Dr. York, chief scientist of the Advanced Research Projects Agency, man can first set foot upon the lunar dust in "just about 10 years (perhaps as little as 7 if a very high priority were placed on this goal)."

The prediction that man may reach the moon in 10 years was not confined to the military. "Certainly within 10 years manned flights around the moon and return can be accomplished," said Donald W. Douglas, chairman of the board of Douglas Aircraft, "and possibly during that time manned landings on the moon and return will be possible."

The above view is similar to that expressed by Wernher von Braun, scientific chief of the Army Ballistic Missile Agency: "It is my opinion that manned flight around the moon possible within the next 8 to 10 years and 2-way flight to the moon, including landing, a few years thereafter."

Dr. Fred L. Whipple, Director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Laboratory, predicted that during the next decade "Equipment will have been safely landed on the moon to set up a remote-controlled observatory," and "the back side of the moon will have become as well known as the near side."

There were several who felt it would be sometime between 1969 and 1979 before man first set foot upon the lunar terrain. Among those were Captain R.C. Truax, U.S. Navy, Advanced Research Projects Agency. Captain Truax, who has devoted more than 20 years to rocketry, expressed the belief that a circumlunar shot, to return a picture of the far side of the moon, would be possible around 1968-69.

Dr. S. Fred Singer, University of Maryland physicist, thought it possible that existing ICBM rocket development would make it possible "to design and operate a manned vehicle around the moon which will again return to earth."

Scientists of the North American Aviation Company predicted that the first manned expedition will be of short duration. "The logistic problems of boosting the large tonnages needed to sustain life for extended periods will dictate only a transient stay on the surface," they said. "But in this short time we should learn infinitely more about the moon than all the unmanned lunar probes have been able to provide before."

Men will be able to select samples of the moon's crust to be taken back for analysis to determine the degree of identity with the earth's crust. One theory holds that life has been distributed throughout the universe by minute spores traveling on meteorites. The first men on the moon will be equipped to prove or disprove this theory.

"They will also be able to determine first hand the solutions to the problems of succeeding expeditions. We cannot discount the presence of unknown perils that will make the moon hazardous for man. Terrestrial exploration has always revealed unsuspected hazards, and we can expect that the first manned lunar expedition will provide experience that will make life safer for succeeding efforts."

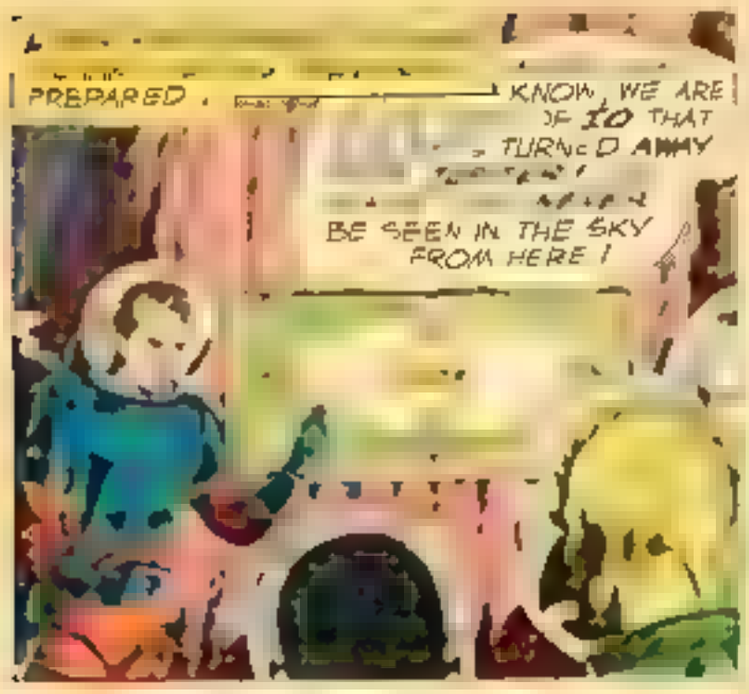
Science Editor

Secret of the [illegible]

NO ONE SUSPECTED THAT THE PLANET MERCURY WAS CONQUER ALL THE OTHER SOLAR SYSTEM PLANETS!
A MOUNTAIN OF PURE DIAMOND! I'LL CHIP OFF
NOBODY CAN TAKE AWAY THESE JEWEL MOUNTAINS! YOU SEE, THEY ARE REAL

ROM THE
A DIAMOND
SAPPHIRE, AN
BUT IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF CHIPPING
PIECES OFF FOR SOUVENIRS,
FORGET IT!

DOWN!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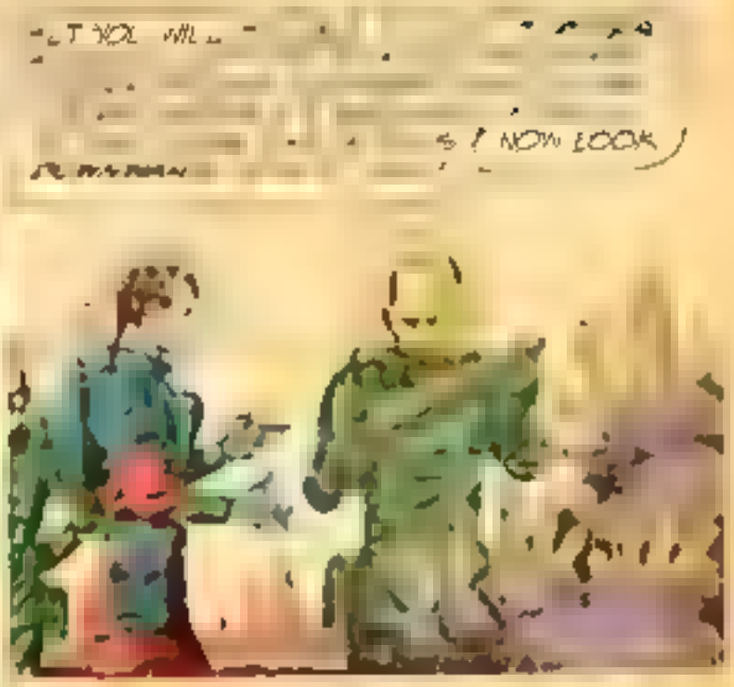
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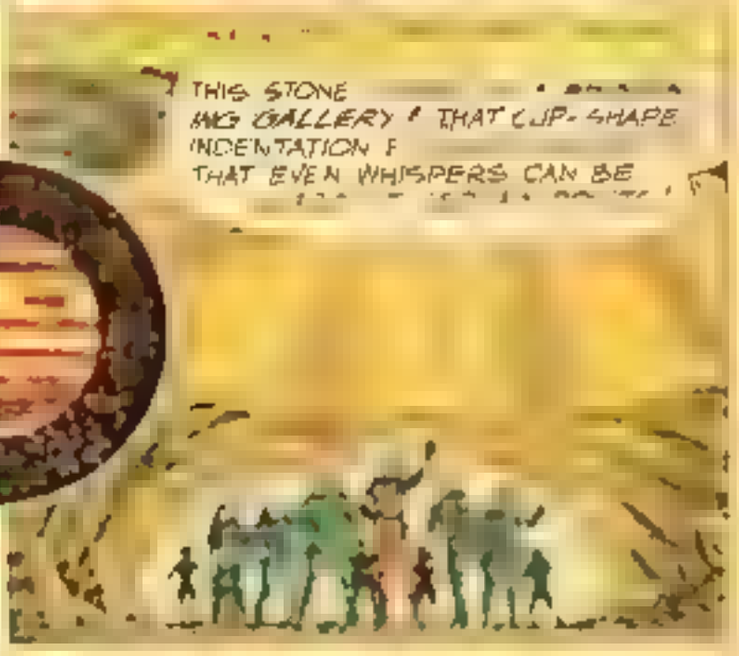
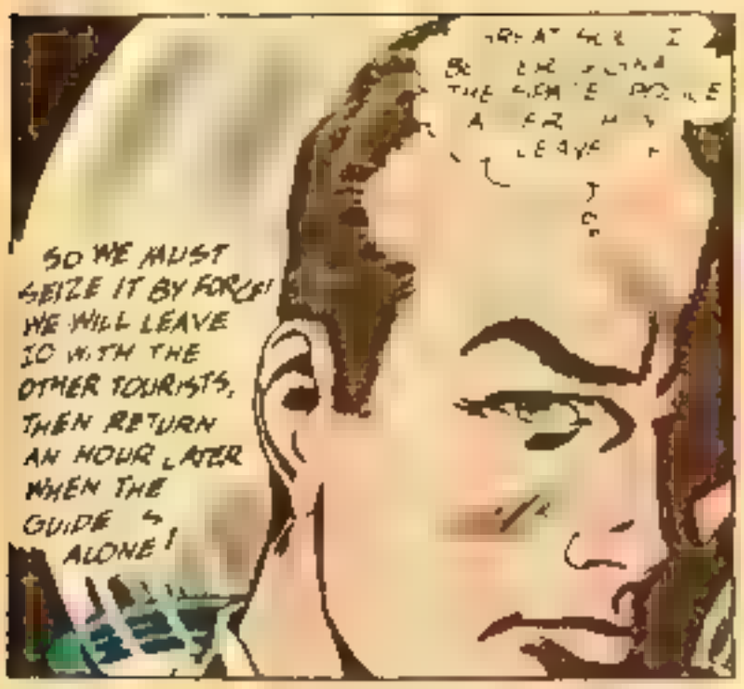
IT'S ASTOUNDING ! I CAN SEE
JUPITER ! THIS MINERAL GIVES
YOU X-RAY VISION RIGHT

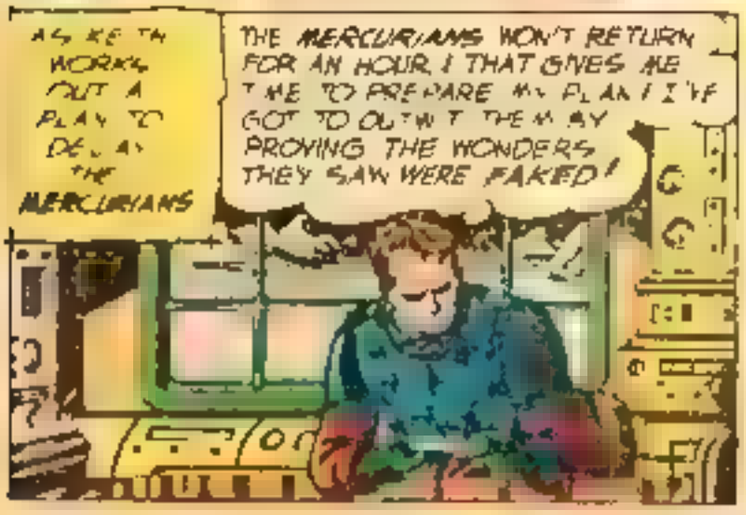

THIS STONE
ING GALLERY ! THAT CUP-SHAPE
INDENTATION F
THAT EVEN WHISPERS CAN BE

HEAR PEOPLE TALKING
TO EACH OTHER ! I'L
SURPRISE THEM LATER
BY REPEATING - WAIT !
WHA-- WHAT'S THIS ?
MUST GET
THAT X-RAY

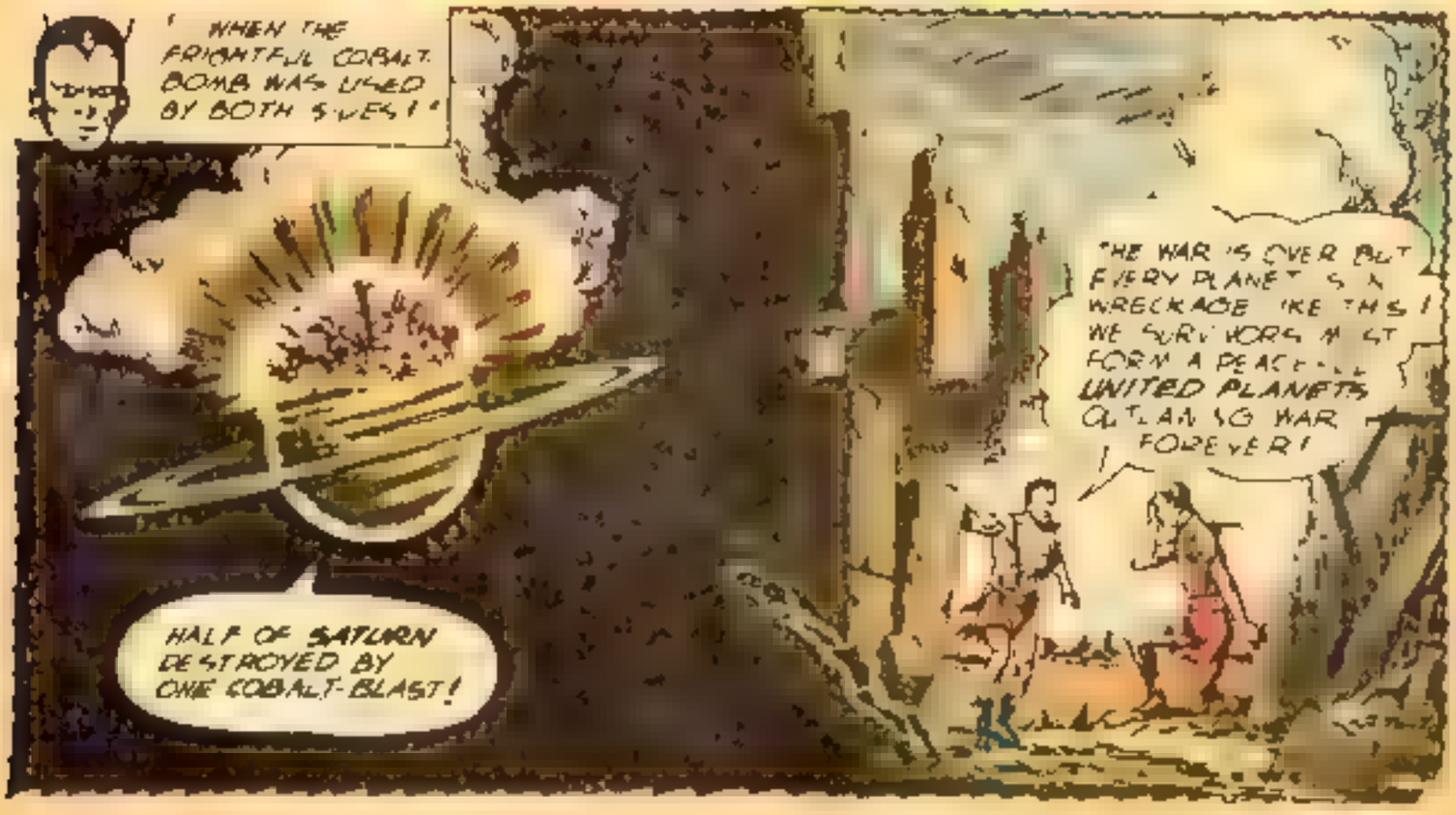
WHISPERING PRIVATELY
WE CAN USE
MAKE MERCURY,
SMALLEST OF THE NINE
PLANETS, THE MASTER
BUT THE EARTH-
MAN GUIDE WOULD
NOT
GREA


SO WE MUST SEIZE IT BY FORCE! WE WILL LEAVE IO WITH THE OTHER TOURISTS, THEN RETURN AN HOUR LATER WHEN THE GUIDE IS ALONE!

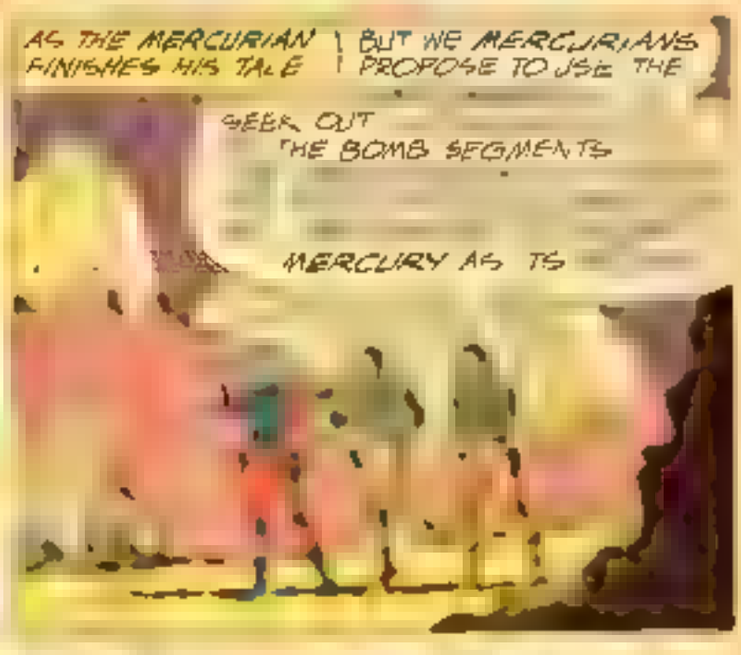
BUT HOW?

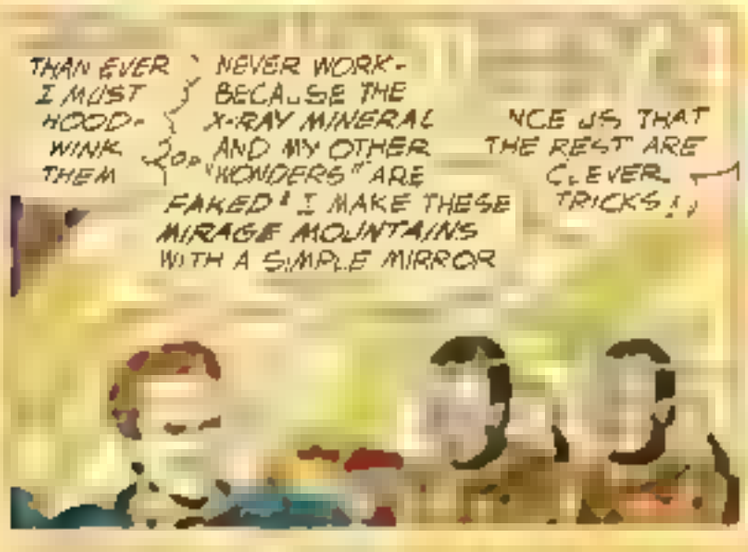

AS HE TH WORKS OUT A PLAN TO DELAY THE MERCURIANS
THE MERCURIANS WON'T RETURN FOR AN HOUR. THAT GIVES ME TIME TO PREPARE MY PLAN! I'VE GOT TO OUTWIT THEM BY PROVING THE WONDERS THEY SAW WERE FAKED!

WHEN THE ALIEN SCIENTISTS RETURN
WAR H EARTHMAN SLIDE US BACK TO THE X-RAY MINERAL! IT WILL ENABLE US TO RULE THE SOLAR SYSTEM! AS YOU KNOW THE NINE PLANETS WAR A CENTURY AGO NEARLY WIPED OUT THE ENTIRE SOLAR SYSTEM


"WHEN THE FRIGHTFUL COBALT BOMB WAS USED BY BOTH SIDES!"
HALF OF SATURN DESTROYED BY ONE COBALT-BLAST!
"THE WAR IS OVER BUT EVERY PLANET IS A WRECKAGE LIKE THIS! WE SURVIVORS MUST FORM A PEACEFUL UNITED PLANETS OUTLAW WAR FOREVER!

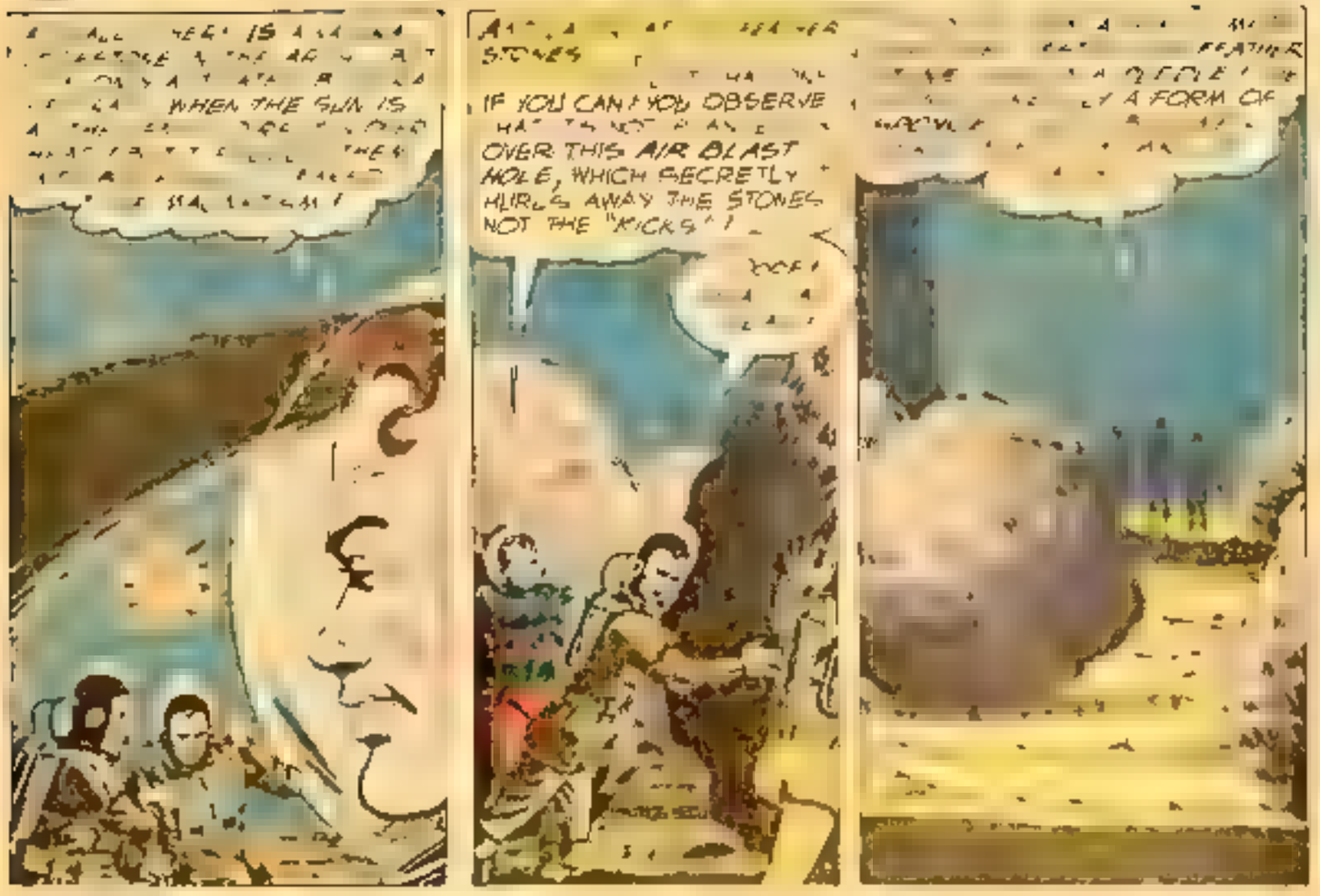
MAKE SURE NO PLANET
FOR SELF-GAIN WE HAVE DIVIDED
NINE SEGMENTS ONE FOR EACH


AS THE MERCURIAN FINISHES HIS TALE
BUT WE MERCURIANS PROPOSE TO USE THE
SEEK OUT THE BOMB SEGMENTS
MERCURY AS IS


THAN EVER I MUST HOODWINK THEM
NEVER WORK- BECAUSE THE X-RAY MINERAL AND MY OTHER TOP "WONDERS" ARE FAKED! I MAKE THESE MIRAGE MOUNTAINS WITH A SIMPLE MIRROR
NCE US THAT THE REST ARE CLEVER TRICKS!)

OF NATURE"? WELL, WATCH AS I PRESS THIS CONCEALED BUTTON! THEN TRY WALKING UPSIDE-DOWN AGA

SUPPORTING THEM!


WHEN THE SUN IS
IF YOU CAN! YOU OBSERVE
OVER THIS AIR BLAST
HOLE, WHICH SECRETLY
HURLS AWAY THE STONES
NOT THE "KICKS"!
A FORM OF

X-RAY MINERAL!

FOR THE TOUR STS LOOKED
IT! THEY THOUGHT IT
WAS "SUPER X-RAY VISION" THROUGH
THE MOON!

MYSTERY IN SPACE

I CAN'T SEE A THING! THIS WAS A HOAX TOO!
I FOGGED THE EYEPIECE!
TREASON AGAINST UNITED
OUR WORD
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK! WE HEARD
THAT'S RIGHT! I LEFT MY WRISTWATCH RADIO OPEN ALL THE TIME! POLICE HEARD EVERY WORD YOU SAID! THAT WILL PUT YOU INTERPLANETARY TENTIARY FOR LIFE!
SO THE SPACE POLICE HAD TO DESTROY THE DANGEROUS X-RAY MINERAL
BUT THIS STORY IS NOW MY BIGGEST DRAWING CARD OF ALL! BUSINESS IS BETTER THAN EVER!

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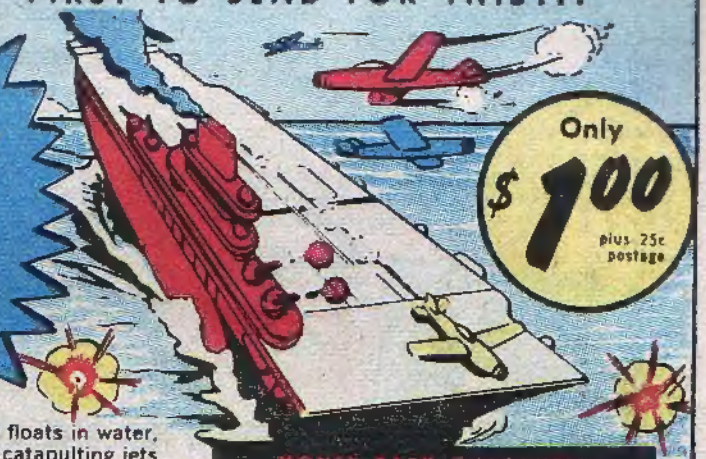

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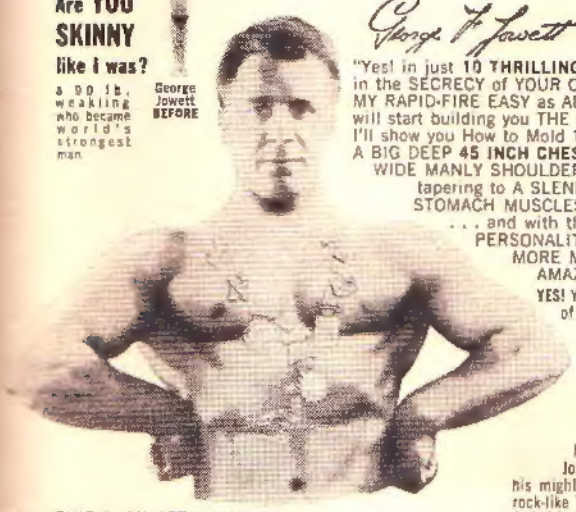

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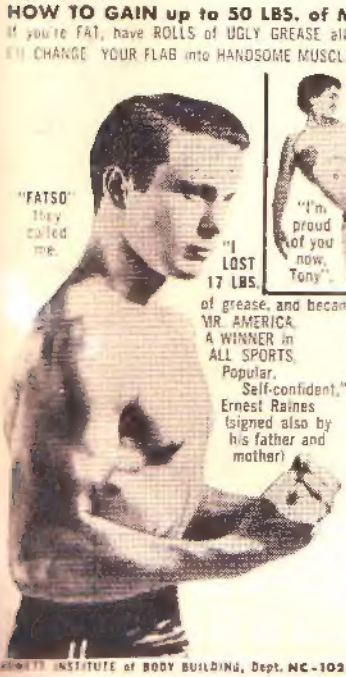

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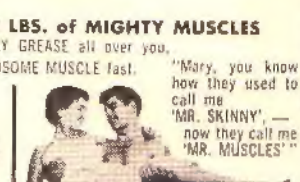

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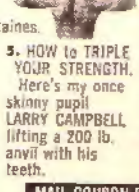

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☐ JAPAN	☐ HOLLAND	☐ SWITZERLAND

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